

# Fully Accessible SKYWARN Spotter Training for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing NWS Huntsville & Birmingham

**April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 2 pm-4 pm**

**Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind  
Regional Center- Birmingham  
220 34<sup>th</sup> Street South, Birmingham, AL 35222**



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Hosted by:  
National Weather Service  
Huntsville & Birmingham  
*Interpreters will be provided*

**Location:**  
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for Deaf & Blind  
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**Free Weather  
Radio with strobe  
light attachment!**  
(limited quantities)  
Thanks to Dept. of  
Public Health!

**Topics include:**  
Recognition of storm  
features, proper  
reporting, weather  
education/safety,  
Alabama severe  
weather statistics

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The National Weather Service in Huntsville and Birmingham has partnered with the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind (AIDB) and Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services (ADRS) to provide appropriate weather training to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community. A SKYWARN workshop for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing will be held at the **Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind Regional Center in Birmingham. The workshop will take place on Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, from 2 PM – 4 PM.**

The workshop will provide similar training that is delivered for the hearing community with a focus on the more accessible means of severe weather reporting such as online reporting and social media. Other topics will include explanation of specific NWS weather products, such as the Warnings and Watches, severe weather climatology, proper reporting techniques, how to safely spot severe storms, and how to identify important cloud features related to severe storms, such as updraft location, wall clouds and shelf clouds. With this opportunity to educate the Deaf and Hard of Hearing on important severe weather information, this underserved community will be more equipped with tools necessary to make responsible decisions and take appropriate action when life-threatening severe weather occurs.